STATEMENT–II

OVERDUES OF STATE ELECTRICITY BOARDS ADJUSTED OUT OF CENTRAL ASSISTANCE DURING 1992-93 TO 1995-96

(Rs. Crores)

States	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
1	2	3	4	5
A. Special Category				
1. Arunachal Pradesh	0.11	0.11	0.70	0.43
2. Assam	35.15	35.15	53.51	53.52
3. Himachal Pradesh	1.78	1.59	5.01	5.01
4. Jammu & Kashmir	11.62	0.00	66.94	66.94
5 Manipur	5.07	5.07	10.01	10.03
6. Meghalaya	0.17	0.17	0.27	0.28
7. Mizoram	0.00	0.00	0.79	0.79
8. Nagaland	0.28	0.28	2.01	2.01
9. Sikkim	0.27	0.27	0.04	0.04
10. Tripura	0.16	0.16	2.33	2.32
Total : A	54.61	42.80	141.61	141.37
B. Non-Special Category				
1. Andhra Pradesh	19.16	19.15	7.26	7.20
2. Bihar	255.51	255.51	238.15	238.22
3. Goa	0.10	0.10	0.00	0.00
4. Gujarat	71.44	71.40	30.33	30.32
5. Haryana	89.72	89.71	120.46	120.57
6. Karnataka	9.81	9.80	4.71	4.70
7. Kerala	15.50	15.49	14.33	14.35
8. Madhya Pradesh	95.78	95.78	30.84	30.83
9. Maharashtra	5[illegible].65	50.03	3.02	3.01
10. Orissa	16.00	15.98	10.68	10.68
11. Punjab	43.41	39.93	11.53	8.19
12. Rajasthan	82.54	82.55	50.78	50.77
13. Tamilnadu	49.20	49.20	16.33	16.32
14. Uttar Pradesh	336.94	326.63	160.00	160.00
15. West Bengal	82.33	82.34	63.24	63.32
Total : B	1226.09	1203.60	761.66	758.48
Total (A+B)	1280.70	1246.40	903.27	899.85

Kendriya Bhandar

5305. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of branches of Kendriya Bhandar running FPS in Delhi at present;

(b) whether some employees of some branches of K. Bhandar, particularly S-IV, R.K. Puram, New Delhi misbehave with ration card holders (enrolled therein) while dealing in FPS ration and supply FP ration in black market;

(c) if so, whether any complaint has been noticed against any employees of this brach; and

(d) the details thereof and action taken/proposed to be taken against such erring employees ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) 38 branches of Kendriya Bhandar are running Fair Price Shops in Union Territory of Delhi at present.

(b) to (d) No complaint of the nature has been received in regard to employees of S-IV, R.K. Puram store. 2 complaints were however received in the recent past in regard to misbehaviour of employees with ration card holders, the details of which are given here-under:—

S. No.	Date of complaint	Complainant	Name of F.P.S.	Nature of complaint
1.	17.6.96	Sh. S.S. Sharma DIZ Area, New Delhi.	6364 D.I.Z.	Misbehaviour of employees with the customers.
2.	02.07.96	Sh. A.K. Sinha, DIZ Area, New Delhi.	6364 DIZ	-do-

To provide better service to the Ration Card Holders, one of the staff members of DIZ branch store has been replaced and the Manager of the store has been asked to be more careful in future.

Indian Rare Earths

5306. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH :
SHRI N.K. PREMCHANDRAN :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for expansion of Indian Rare Earth (IRE), Chavera in Kerala is under consideration of the Union government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the objections, if any, raised by the local residents against new projects of IRE;

(d) the reasons therefor and the Government's reaction thereto;

(e) the details of performance of IRE and yearly profit earned during the last three years;

(f) the details of the investment at Chavera plant and the reasons for low investment;

(g) the details of complaints received by the Union Government regarding irregularities in IRE, Chavera in Kerala;

(h) the action taken by the Government thereon;

(i) the amount spent every year by Chavera Indian Rare Earth Plant on welfare measure to the inhabitants of the mining area of the plant;

(j) the norms on such expenditure in mining companies;

(k) the Mining Welfare Board is functioning at Chavera for the welfare of the area but the funds are inadequate; and

(l) if so, the measures undertaken by the Government to give better welfare to these people ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) and (b) Work on expansion of the existing production capacity of Indian Rare Earth's (IRE's) plant at Chavera by 70,000 tonnes per annum by setting up a new mineral recovery plant is in progress and it is likely to be commissioned by March, 1997.

(c) and (d) No new project is being undertaken by the Indian Rare Earths Limited on its own in the Chavera area and hence the question of objections by the residents to such a proposal does not arise.

(e) The performance of the Indian Rare Earths Limited and the profit earned each year during the last 3 years are as under :

(Rs. in crore)

	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
1. Value of Production	101.94	131.25	153.99
2. Sales	104.29	130.17	145.26
3. Profit/(loss) after Tax.	(1.31)	2.32	1.08

(f) The gross block of the Chavera plant of the Indian Rare Earths Limited which was set up about 30 years ago is Rs. 31.24 crore. Expansion and modernisation of the Plant at a cost of approximate Rs. 30 crores is in progress. This cannot be considered a low investment.

(g) and (h) A number of complaints have been received from various quarters alleging irregularities in awarding contracts for transportation of sand, lower capacity utilisation, fixed term appointments, appointment on compassionate grounds and for not recognising a union, etc. The complaints were examined in the Department of Atomic Energy and many of the complaints were found to be incorrect. The IRE has been directed to take action in one case.

(i) The amounts spent by the Chavara Plant of the Indian Rare Earths Limited on the welfare measures for the inhabitants of the mining area for the last five years are as follows :

(Rs. in lakh)

		1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
1.	Contributed directly for the welfare measures	5.50	0.19	3.36	7.03	18.11
2.	Contributed to the Mining Area Welfare Board	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
	Total	10.50	5.19	8.36	12.03	23.11

(j) to (l) No norms have been laid down for such expenditure. A mining Area Welfare Board, with the District Collector of Kollam as Chairman, has been set up by the Government of Kerala. IRE is contributing its Share to this Welfare Board in addition to direct contributions as indicated in (i) above.

[Translation]

Allotment of Kerosene

5307. SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the quota of kerosene in litres allocated to Maharashtra every month;

(b) the quantum of kerosene out of it sold at fair price shops and in open market separately; and

(c) the prices fixed by the Government for the kerosene to be sold at fair price shops and in open market separately ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) The monthly quota of kerosene for the State of Maharashtra for 1996-97 is 16,52,24,000 litres.